

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

ARCELLA ET AL.

Application Serial No.: 10/080,699

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: POROUS HYDROPHILIC MEMBRANES

Confirmation No: 8373

Group Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: FORTUNA, A.M.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE		RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	24	2	x 9	\$		x 18	\$ 36
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	3	0	x 43	\$		x 86	\$
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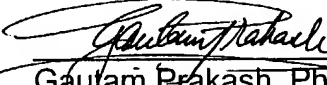
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated December 31, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§112, 101, and 103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.